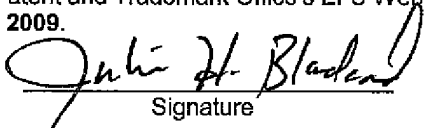



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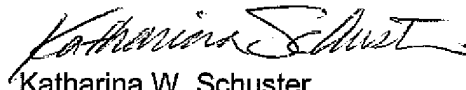
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1. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b), establishing right of assignee to take action.
2. Attachment A, listing assignment recordation reel and frame number for the above-identified patent application; and
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 - Notice of Recordation of Certificate of Amendment for Name Change from "Spinal Concepts, Inc." to "Abbott Spine Inc." dated April 20, 2005, recorded at Reel/Frame: 021824/0852 on November 12, 2008.
3. Power of Attorney or Revocation and Power of Attorney with a New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address.

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